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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP

COORDINATION OF INTELLIGENCE PRODUCTION

Memorandum by the Director of Central Intelligence

1. In accordance with the decision made at the 11th meeting of the Intelligence Advisory Board on 26 November 1946 there has been prepared by the Central Intelligence Group the attached draft of over-all policies and objectives for the coordination of the production of intelligence.

2. It was also the decision of the Intelligence Advisory Board at the above-mentioned meeting that this paper should be submitted to the ad hoc committee appointed by it at that time for consideration.

3. It is, therefore, requested that your representative to the ad hoc committee inform the Secretary, N.I.A., as to the earliest practicable date he will be prepared to discuss the attached paper.

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PROPOSED N.I.A. DIRECTIVE

COORDINATION OF INTELLIGENCE PRODUCTION

1. The following over-all policies and objectives are established for the coordination of the production of intelligence.

2. In order that all facilities of the Government may be utilized to their capacity and the responsibilities of each agency may be defined in accordance with its mission and capabilities, the whole field of intelligence production is divided into the following four categories, and responsibilities are allocated as indicated:

a. Factual Intelligence.

(1) Factual intelligence is that intelligence which results from the collation of encyclopedic information of a more or less continuing or static nature and general interest which, as a result of evaluation and interpretation, is determined to be the best available.

(2) Factual intelligence shall be compiled in National Intelligence Digests covering foreign countries, areas, or special subjects as appropriate.

(3) These Digests shall be in the form of intelligence encyclopedias, recording all available factual data in such form as shall best meet the specific requirements of the individual agencies in the development of their staff intelligence.

(4) The editing, publication, maintenance and dissemination of these Digests shall be the responsibility of the Director of Central Intelligence.

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(5) The initial production of chapters or sections of the National Intelligence Digests shall be charged to those departments or agencies of the Government which, by agreement with the Director of Central Intelligence, are best qualified to assume the production responsibility by reason of their intelligence requirements and production capabilities,

(6) Departments or agencies to be called on for contributions to these Digests shall include agencies other than those represented on the Intelligence Advisory Board.

(7) The Director of Central Intelligence shall make such collection requests as are necessary for the proper development and maintenance of the Digests.

b. Current Intelligence.

(1) Current intelligence is that spot information or intelligence of immediate interest and value to operating or policy staffs and which is used by them without the delays necessary for complete evaluation or interpretation.

(2) The Central Intelligence Group and the several departments shall produce and disseminate such current intelligence as may be necessary to meet their own requirements or inter-agency responsibilities,

c. Staff Intelligence.

(1) Staff intelligence is that intelligence prepared by any department or agency through the process of full evaluation and interpretation designed to meet the specific requirements of the department or agency concerned. It is prepared without responsibility to any other agency or organization and is based only on that current factual or staff intelligence available to it.

(2) Each agency shall produce such staff intelligence as may be necessary to meet the requirements of its particular department.

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(3) Upon request the staff intelligence of an agency shall be supplied to other agencies for use in the development of the latter's own staff intelligence.

d. National Policy and Strategic Intelligence.

(1) National policy and strategic intelligence is that staff intelligence prepared in the interest of the national security by the Director of Central Intelligence for the President, and the State, War and Navy Departments and, as appropriate, to the State-War-Navy Coordinating Committee, the Joint Chiefs of Staff and other governmental departments and agencies having strategic and policy functions related to the national security.

(2) The Director of Central Intelligence shall receive promptly from the intelligence agencies all current and staff intelligence produced by them. This intelligence will be used in the production of national policy and strategic intelligence.

3. The research facilities maintained by each agency shall be adequate to accomplish efficiently and promptly, on behalf of all intelligence agencies, the intelligence production tasks allocated to them under the foregoing provisions. Such additional research facilities as may be required by each agency to process its own current and staff intelligence shall be maintained only to the extent necessary to satisfy each agency's individual needs after giving full cognizance to the facilities of the other agencies.

4. Implementation. Assumption of responsibilities, as allocated herein, shall be effected progressively and as rapidly as possible under coordination of the Director of Central Intelligence.

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